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We bespeak for Governor Hastings message, of which an abstract is printed elsewhere, a careful reading. It is a paper of excellent interest and it embodies much wise and timely advice.

The Senatorial Battle.

Deplorable as have been some of the features of the senatorial contest, which was practically settled at last night's caucus, its commonwealth is to be congratulated upon securing for its service in the national senate at Washington, as a colleague of Senator Quay, a young man whose public record is clean, who possesses well-matured legislative experience, who is in thorough touch with his party upon all public questions, and who has never played the hypocrite.

Mr. Penrose will enter his new sphere of usefulness with every incentive to honorable service. He has the vigor of youth, the pride of ancestry, the spur of a vindication rarely examined in American politics and the full confidence of his friends.

Mr. Wanamaker can no doubt carry on the war as long as he is willing to supply the sinews; but it is another thing to carry the whole republican party with him.

The Czar's Threat.

It is reported that the czar of Russia has again warned the sultan of Turkey that trouble will follow his refusal to seriously consider the recommendations of the powers and accept their advice concerning reforms in the Turkish government.

General Weyler's future career will probably be brief. Mrs. Elizabeth Lense is studying the Cuban question.

The Bloomsburg Dynamiters.

The startling and highly sensational story recently published in the legible columns of the newspapers, implicating two of the best known families of Bloomsburg, Pa., in the infamous attempt to blow up with dynamite the house of Levi Waller, a prominent citizen of that place, and an ex-member of the legislature and son-in-law of Hon. Charles R. Buckalew, has shaken that erstwhile pastoral village to its social and political prominence.

Public opinion is divided as to the guilt of Mr. Wintersteen, whose character was never impeached until young Knorr's arrest and confession drew him into the affair.

The nature of the conspiracy, to which by his own confession Knorr was a principal, is such as to send a thrill of horror to the most hardened individual. It was nothing more nor less than the total annihilation of an entire family for the satisfaction of a difference with one particular member.

These operated by scattered stations and power transmission plants, and used in miscellaneous ways, bring the probable total amount of power to 250,000 horse power. Including railway work, it is safe to say that the gross power of the electric motors used in the United States is at present not less than 1,250,000 horse power.

A Chicago alderman has been locked up for merely murdering a man! The next thing we know Chicago will pass a Curfew ordinance.

Heredity in Politics.

Heredity in American politics appears to be a very tangible reality, even if our own Donald Cameron who for more than twenty years has held with more or less success the grip which his able sire fastened on the Keystone state, is about to withdraw from the arena.

Charles Crisp, Jr., of Georgia, seems to have been preparing to step into his father's shoes, judging by the clarity and apparent ease with which he occupied the vacant seat at Washington. Young Mr. Crisp as yet has had no opportunity to prove his metal in the field of national legislation but on the score of personal ability, which after all counts much more at Washington than might be supposed, it is reported he has made a hit.

James H. Garfield, the son of the married president, also seems to have been making commendable headway in Buckeye politics, although it is generally understood by those best acquainted with the young man that he is lacking in those qualities which made his father the greatest exponent of his time of liberal American statesmanship.

Mr. Garfield already represents his father's old district in the state senate, but aspires to have the star-budded name again entered on the rolls of the lower house.

Mr. Garfield and Mr. Crisp are only two of the most conspicuous instances of a custom, on numerous occasions observed in this country and which probably seems a trifle stronger than there coincides to many persons ultra zealous for the preservation of American principles. There is however nothing to warrant any alarm with the most intensely American in those examples of political heredity, in any country like our own, where, despite all pessimistic utterances, by the contrary, leisure, grit and personal honor form the foundation upon which political success must be built.

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Winter Sunshine.

Of course the pleasant springlike weather of these days is abnormal; it is unseasonable; but probably the worst calamity attending the glimpse of midwinter sunshine is the croak of the restless individual who can discern signs of disease in every passing breeze and feel the approach of disaster that threatens to annihilate the human race in blocks of hundreds as the case may demand.

While we are not disposed to scoff at the labors of scientists who are continually discovering some new terror of minute proportions, there seems no reason for unusual alarm at an occasional mild day at the season of the year when the ice crop should be flourishing.

When legislative excitement begins the busy newspapers of Harrisburg brighten up and take on the airs of a rural thistuff during court week.

Growth of Electric Roads.

Dr. Louis Hell contributes to a recent number of the Engineering Magazine an excellent article on the marvelous growth of electric power during the last decade. In perusing the article we find that in place of the little group of struggling electric roads of ten years ago, we have today very nearly 12,000 miles of track equipped with not less than 50,000 motor cars.

During the year just passed about 1,200 miles of electric railway track have been built, and nearly 5,000 motor cars have been added to the equipment list. This increase means an aggregate investment of something like \$25,000,000—a prodigious sum to be added to a single industry in a year that has been far from prosperous.

Of stationary electric motors, the number defies exact calculation, in so many directions and from so many sources has the growth extended. A single plant in New York city carries nearly 100,000 horse power in motors upon its circuits, and the aggregate of those thus operated from central stations primarily intended for lighting certainly reaches 150,000 horse power.

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